

# BY THIS MORNING'S MAIL.

From our Special Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, June 6, 1842.

The Army bill was taken out of Committee to-day, and will be dispatched in the House early to-morrow. The knife has been freely applied to the estimates of the War Department, and if the Senate do not interpose to restore them, the army will be reduced to six or seven thousand men—a force utterly inadequate to man and keep in repair our Military Posts.

Although I am an advocate of retrenchment and reform, yet I confess I am unable to perceive the economy of so great a reduction in the Army and Navy defenses of the country. The expenditures in the Civil Department of the Government might very appropriately be diminished, and the Committees in both Houses of Congress to whom has been assigned the duty of investigating the subject are actively engaged in preparing their several reports. Even the estimates of the Departments for the Army and Navy would bear a judicious reduction; but the unlimited retrenchment proposed by the House of Representatives seems to me exceedingly unwise and inexpedient at this particular juncture. I am constrained to withhold my reasons for this opinion, inasmuch as you have heretofore manifested a disinclination to give them a place in your columns, or to combat them with your own well-known principles of an economical and efficient Government. In almost all your views upon the subject of political reform, I am proud to say that I fully concur, and therefore feel myself bound to express my dissent from that which would seem to require an inordinate reduction of our Military forces.

The tariff will command the attention of the House to-morrow or the next day, and will occupy its deliberations for many weeks to come. It is now sufficiently ascertained that a bill, with strong protective features, will finally pass both Houses; but there is no certainty that it will become a law. The majority require a clause to be inserted in the bill repealing the twenty per cent section of the "Distribution" act, and from the official indications in the Madisonian of to-day, there is reason to apprehend that the President will not approve it, if that provision be incorporated in the bill.

I say official indications, because the editorial authorities, to be sure, the impress of higher authority than that of the usual emanations of Mr. John Jones. There is a sort of ex cathedra tone and air about the article, that proclaims its paternity. After all, I cannot entertain the belief that the President will, in defiance of the voice of two thirds of the people of the United States, venture to exercise the veto power, and thereby defeat the only measure to which the Government can look for its current expenditures.

The debate on the Appropriation bill is still continued in the Senate, and notwithstanding the determination of a majority on Saturday, Mr. James, Mr. White, Mr. Kent and others have presented their views with great ability, and Mr. Wright, Mr. Berrian and two or three others propose to occupy the attention of the body at least one day longer before the final vote be taken. If the Senators shall be all present (excepting Mr. Crittenden and Mr. Southard) the vote will be 27-21.

Several minor nominations were sent to-day, consisting of Land, Revenue, and Post Offices.—The Executive table of the Senate is growing under the weight of appointments, and as there has been no recess session for more than a week past, you may look for final action upon many of the nominations in the course of a very few days.—What will be the disposition of the military brevets it is difficult to anticipate, before the Senate's revision of the Army Appropriation Bill. The propositions for consideration are nearly forty, ranging from the grade of a Brigadier down to that of a First Lieutenant. Among the highest are the names of

Col. Wm. J. Worth, as Brigadier, by brevet.

Maj. W. G. Belknap, to be Lieut. Colonel, do. Maj. Thos. Childs, to be Lieut. Colonel do. Capt. John Harris, M. Corps, to be Major, &c. I will give you the residue of the list hereafter, when the Senate shall have taken further action on the subject.

Yours, &c. CURTIS.

Correspondence of the New-York Tribune. WASHINGTON, June 6. In Senate, to-day, after the presentation of several petitions, Mr. WOODBURY's resolution fixing the daily hour of meeting at 11 o'clock, A. M., was taken up, and by Ayes 21, Nays not counted, was adopted.

The Appropriation bill was again taken up, the district section (as it came from the House) being under consideration, providing that the election shall take place by single and contiguous districts, which Mr. WRIGHT had moved to amend by providing that this shall be carried out so far as it can be in conformity with the established election systems of the States, but that no State shall be bound to divide counties or other election districts for the purpose of making single districts.

Mr. WHITE advocated the original section, opposing the amendment, and contending for the full authority of Congress over the subject from the Constitution, that the time for the exercise of that authority had now arrived, &c. Mr. BATES advocated the section and agreed that the District system gave a fairer representation of the people than the General Ticket system, and that it should now be adopted while it could be done by Congress without prejudice to any party. Mr. SMITH of Ct., opposed the whole section as unconstitutional. Mr. KERR advocated the original section. The Senate adjourned.

The House met at ten o'clock. Mr. COWEN gave notice of a resolution for the re-establishment of the one hour rule.

The Army Appropriation Bill was immediately taken up in Committee of the Whole (Mr. U. S. DERWOOD in the Chair) the debate under the resolution of the House to terminate at one o'clock, Mr. Cave JOHNSON (which reduces the army to the standard of 1821) pending, retaining the one hour rule.

Mr. LEVY of Va. opposed the reduction of the Army, giving an account of the Indian hostilities in Florida, the need of a defence against them, &c. Mr. EVERETT opposed the present blindfold manner of reducing, without a definite knowledge of the subject, the army, and expressed his readiness, whenever a proposition came from the appropriate Committee (on Military Affairs) for the reduction, to go to it. Mr. ADAMS at some length advocated the reduction proposed by Mr. JOHNSON's amendment, and contending that an abhorrence to a standing army had always existed in our Government, and that in accordance with the principle settled in 1821 the numbers in the companies should be reduced leaving the present number of officers. In this manner the army might be filled up in any moment when occasion required. Mr. STANLEY (Chairman of the Committee on Military Affairs) explained the action of the Committee, and enforced its reasons for opposing the reduction of the Army.

The time for debate having expired, the Committee proceeded to vote on the various amendments. Mr. ROOSEVELT's was rejected: Ayes 69, Nays 162. That division of Mr. JOHNSON's reducing the number of the Army, was adopted: Ayes 102, Nays 64; and that disbanding the 2d regiment of dragoons, was adopted: Ayes 91, Nays 70. An amendment of Mr. CAYE JOHNSON providing that the pay of officers of the staff, to geographical engineers, &c., shall not exceed that of officers of the line belonging to the infantry and

artillery, was adopted: Ayes 91, Nays 69. A proviso was adopted withholding extra payments to commanders of posts: Ayes 87, Nays 55. The section for the recruiting service was reduced from \$30,000 to \$15,000. The appropriation for the special agent to attend the casting of cannon at the foundries, was stricken out.

After several other amendments, the bill was reported to the House, and the amendments were ordered printed.

The House adjourned.

The election for Municipal officers in Washington, D. C. took place on Monday. Mr. SEATON, the present incumbent, was re-elected Mayor by a majority of 108 over both opposing candidates.

The Hon. J. D. JONES, of Maryland, of the House of Representatives, had his pocket-book abstracted from his pocket at the railroad depot at Washington, on Saturday evening, the 4th inst., about the time of starting of the 4 o'clock train for Baltimore. Besides about seventy dollars in bank notes, in contained a draft of Mr. Speaker WRIGHT in favor of Mr. Jones for \$250, on the Bank of the Metropolis, dated 11th May last. Notice has been given to the Bank not to pay it, and the public are requested to be on their guard and not to purchase said draft.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.—Yesterday afternoon, as the wife and son of Amos Phillips, late Deputy Sheriff, were on their way to this city in a vehicle, near Holmesburg, the axle broke, and both were thrown out and severely injured. The injuries received by Mrs. P. are of such a serious nature as to excite great fear for her recovery.

[Philadelphia Gazette.]

SHIPWRECK.—The brig Ashley, Captain Sherwood, from Charleston to this city, with a cargo of rice and cotton, was struck by a sea on the 13th inst. about 60 miles off the Delaware shore, that she sprung a leak, which could not be stopped. The crew and passengers were all saved, there were 12 cabin and 9 steerage passengers.—The cargo and vessel will be a total loss. The following account of the narrow escape is from a letter written by one on board, to a relative in Charleston:—

We left on Monday as you are aware, for the first six hours we had fine wind, on Tuesday at 10 o'clock it commenced blowing a perfect gale from the N. E., at 10 o'clock Wednesday night we were struck, a sea which knocked our cutter out on the side and caused the brig to leak very badly—we got the pumps at work and kept at them until daylight, when we found the help getting so fast that we were soon down to the heels in water, and at this time we saw a bright light of five or six signals of distress in hopes of getting her to take us off, but she paid no attention to us whatever, and bore away on her course. With our feelings were you any better imagine that I can describe—never expected to see land, as we were then off the Southern edge of the gulf from 80 to 100 miles from land. When we found we could not overtake this vessel we put for the land under all sail we could carry, and made the land off Cape Fear and were in hopes of getting up to Wilmington, but about 3 o'clock P. M. we found the leak gaining upon us so fast that it was the unanimous opinion of all that our lives depended upon running her ashore as soon as possible as that time she had five feet water in her hold.

She was accordingly run through the surf and struck about 200 yards from the shore, the sea making a complete breach over her. We then commenced getting the passengers ashore, but the boats both swamped; we had great difficulty in getting them back to the vessel; in doing so one got swamped with 5 men in it and they all very narrowly escaped with their lives. There are still steerage passengers on board; it was so late when the last boat went that they could not leave, but I fear she may break up to-night as the sea makes a fair breach over her. Our baggage is all on board—if she holds together we will save all—we are comfortably situated at Newhall's—they have treated us politely and kindly—they have fed and clothed us.

Correspondence of the New-York American. ADRIAS, Michigan, 1st June. "Business continues very dull. The weather is fine, although rather cool for the season. We had a rain of about 24 hours last week, which has not a little gladdened the hearts of the farmers, as it helps their wheat along wonderfully. As I before observed, if nothing unforeseen occurs, the crop in Michigan will be a most abundant one, and will help to brighten the prospects of our State to a great degree.

Our town is all alive with excitement growing out of the discovery of an outrage perpetrated by a jeweler residing here, on a little girl of only two years of age, the niece of our Episcopal clergyman. The individual is married, and about 45 years of age; the details are too loathsome and disgusting to be repeated. It will be difficult to restrain the citizens from laying violent hands on him, but I trust they will suffer the law to take its course. No other news stirring.

MEMOR. VAN BUREN and PAULding were expected to arrive in Cincinnati on the morning of the 2d inst. for Louisville.

BANKRUPT APPLICATIONS.—Petitions were presented to the District Court on Monday by the following persons, who are to be declared bankrupts:—

Augustus E. Masters, of New-York, Dry Goods Merchant. George O. Van Arman, of New-York, late Merchant. Samuel M. Nell, of New-York, Gentlemen. Daniel Linn, of Hyde Park, Dutchess Co., New-York, Carpenter and Joiner. Sylvester Genter, of New-York, Forwarding Agent. James M. Smith, of New-York, Clerk, and as one of the late firm of Adams & Tremain. Moses O. Banks, of New-York, Shoemaker. Royal H. Walker, of New-York, Attorney and Counselor at Law. Antoine Bouteir, of New-York, Sugar Manufacturer.

Rev. Dr. FRANCIS, of Westmoreland, has been appointed professor of pulpit eloquence and pastoral care in the theological department of Harvard University, in the place of HENRY WARE, Jr., resigned.

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# CITY INTELLIGENCE.

TUESDAY, June 7.

LAWYER'S DIARY FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8.—Supreme Court—Nos. 6, 12, 22, 23, 25, 27, 29, 30, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

The Chief Justice in the Chair—John A. Childs, et al. vs. Frederick Smith.—The argument in this case, which was conducted by Mr. E. D. Smith, M. O. Hastings, and S. Beardsley, was closed.

John D. Miller vs. Sylvester Clark.—The argument in this case commenced, and the Court adjourned.

SUPERIOR COURT.—BEFORE A JUDGE BENCH.—DECISIONS.—Jacob Ackers, et al. vs. Stephen White and Henry A. Burr.—Relative to the ownership of the prize of William H. Harrison Judgment for gold.

Wm. W. Gould vs. C. V. Wemple, et al.—Judgment for plaintiffs.

John Suerden, and others vs. G. W. Campbell.—Motion for new trial denied.

Wm. Paulsen vs. John E. Beers.—Judgment affirmed.

Daniel M. B. Cameron vs. John McDonald.—Judgment for plaintiffs, with liberty to demand payment of costs within 10 days.

Adam Hall vs. Courtland Palmer, et al.—Motion to set aside verdict, refused.

John Matthews vs. Frederick J. Palmer.—Motion to set aside verdict denied.

COURT OF SESSIONS.—BEFORE THE RECORDERS, Judges LYNCH and NEAL, and Aldermen COLLINS and SMITH.—TESTIMONY FOR DEFEATING WITNESSES.—Several cases looking to the discharge of witnesses appearing on the part of the prosecution, though they had been previously sworn to, the Court ordered—that in all cases where witnesses declared to be true, and were subsequently shown to be untrue, the Court should order that they be discharged, and the witnesses for the prosecution could not be heard.

ADMISSION TO PRACTICE.—On motion of William Shaffer, Esq., for admission to practice, he was admitted to practice as a Counselor at Law.

Special Sessions.—Before Judge NOBLE, and Aldermen COLLINS and SMITH.

McDonald vs. Smith.—On a motion of a plea of not guilty, the Court ordered that the case be continued to the 10th inst. for trial.

William Shaffer vs. Smith.—On a motion of a plea of not guilty, the Court ordered that the case be continued to the 10th inst. for trial.

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